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June 1, 2005 CHRISKOLL

Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 11th floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Rose Creek Watershed Assessment Phase II Hydrology and Restoration Alternatives

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

As Supervisors representing the Rose Creek watershed, we are writing in support of the Coastal Conservancy staff recommendation to provide a \$150,000 grant to San Diego Earth Works to prepare an additional assessment of the hydrologic, hydraulic, sediment transport and geomorphic conditions of the Rose Creek watershed.

This analysis will ensure the feasibility of restoration opportunities identified in the *Rose Creek Watershed Opportunities Assessment*, which will be completed in July 2005. This assessment will result in a comprehensive review of opportunities to enhance the natural, cultural, public safety, and recreation attributes of the Rose Creek Watershed.

We support efforts to improve the public health and safety of the watershed and to restore the natural hydrologic regime, where feasible. This grant will be used to build knowledge of the watershed's hydrologic, hydraulic, sediment transport and geomorphic conditions; the last time this level of analysis was performed was in 1978. The watershed has undergone significant development since 1978 making those earlier studies insufficient for any analysis of today's conditions. This grant will help establish the technical basis to determine the feasibility of restoration and flood control opportunities identified in the Rose Creek Watershed Opportunities Assessment. It is essential for the project to move into the implementation phase.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price

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